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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SCOTT COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Scott County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Scott County Judge James Forbes.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately three miles of Highway 71. Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$851,851.36.

“This project will make improvements to Highway 71 in the vicinity of Waldron, where Highway 71 intersects with Highway 272,” stated Trammel.

A second project will resurface approximately two miles of Broadway Street (County Road 62), east of Mansfield and Johnny Tate Road (County Road 76), west of Waldron. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$184,764.31.

“Keeping our county roads in the best condition possible is always a top priority,” stated Judge Forbes.

Trammel noted that the County Road project is funded through the State Aid Road Program established by the legislature and administered by the State Aid Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. This program provides approximately \$20 million annually from the state motor fuels tax to assist counties with projects of their choosing on the county road system.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in late summer of 2010.

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